

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN FIRE CHIEF FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

March 3, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ACCEPT A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FROM BP AMERICA, INC.

(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting authorization to accept a \$40,000 donation from BP America, Inc. The District intends to use this donation towards the purchase of an Automated Vehicle Locater (AVL) system to be installed on the District's apparatus fleet.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

 Authorize the District to accept with thanks a donation of \$40,000 from BP America, Inc., c/o Brenda Victoria Castillo, 6 Centerpointe Drive #797, La Palma, California.

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- 2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to sign and forward a letter expressing Board appreciation to BP America, Inc., c/o Brenda Castillo for the generous donation of \$40,000.
- 3. Find that the acceptance of the donation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

## PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District is requesting authorization to accept a \$40,000 donation from BP America, Inc. Acceptance of this donation will enable the District to partially fund a District-wide AVL system to improve emergency response and personnel accountability at emergency incidents.

The AVL system will enhance the District's ability to provide emergency services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT / FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation is available in the District's 2008-09 Budget to address the purchase of the AVL system. Upon your Board's approval of the recommended actions, the District will utilize the donation to partially offset the cost of the AVL system.

Maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISION / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Section 2.4.2, of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes the District to accept donations valued over \$10,000 with Board approval.

#### IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the recommendation actions will expand the quality and productivity of the District's emergency operations.

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# CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return a copy of the adopted letter to the following offices:

- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Executive Office
   1320 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063 Attention: Chief Deputy Michael W. Dyer
- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Support Services Bureau 1320 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063 Attention: Deputy Chief Helen Jo
- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Financial Management Division 5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 130 Commerce, CA 90040 Attention: Theresa Barrera, Division Chief

Enclosed is a draft letter thanking BP America, Inc. for their generous donation. Please instruct the Executive Officer to send the letter to: BP America, Inc., c/o Brenda Victoria Castillo, 6 Centerpointe Drive #797, La Palma, California 90623.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:jc

Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

BP America, Inc. c/o Brenda Victoria Castillo 6 Centerpointe Drive #797 La Palma, California 90623

Dear Ms. Castillo:

At its meeting held March 3, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, your donation of \$40,000 to be utilized toward emergency operations of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER